

To whom it may concern:

I am very troubled by petition 04-160 submitted by the National Association of Broadcasters.

I am an EXTREMELY SATISFIED subscriber to XM Satelitet Radio. The service is nothing short of a godsend for a music lover. The consolidation of radio station ownership among a few large corporations has resulted in airplay of only a handfull of so called artists which for me makes commercial radio UNLISTENABLE.

Satelite radio is a win-win for both artists and listeners in a way that commercial radio would be unwilling to match. Please note that I state unwilling and not unable. Corporate radio ownership is responsible for generating profit and value for their shareholders, which is a noble in my opinion as I beleive in the free market. XM gives exposure to artists who would NEVER have airplay on commercial radio and a place for their audience to be able to hear it. Words could never express how greatful I am to have such variety available. And, I still listen to some local programming.

The NAB still has more listeners that satelite radio does and their services are free. I am a PAID SUBSCRIBER to satelite radio and made the choice freely to become one. If the NAB feels threatened by satelite radio, their members should evaluate the way they do business. The success of business in America is based on its competitiveness, Let these radio corporations compete! They will not become bankrupt or poor because people make the decision to subscribe to a satelite service. What may happen is profits will not grow at the rates they may wish them too, and frankly, THAT'S TOO BAD.

I ask that you reject the NAB's petition. Their membership is completely responsible for what I consider to be the sorry state of radio today. They do not need your intervention. Things change, and the citizens of the United States have NO responsibilty to hold up an industry that provides a free service, that is unwilling to change the way they conduct business, in order to continue to have the astronomical revenues that they currently enjoy by restricting a subscription service form offering a product that is valuable for it's subscribers.